



City of White Plains Department of Public Safety Summer Citizen's Academy Tuesday Evenings – 7:00 PM to 9 PM June 11 through August 6, 2013

The White Plains Department of Public Safety is pleased to announce the continuation of the Public Safety Citizen's Academy. This exciting **nine-week** program is intended for people in our area who want to learn more about the White Plains Public Safety Department. Applicants must be 18 years of age or older. The academy is open to both the business and private communities. Offered **FREE** of charge, this hands-on, interactive, behind-the-scenes program is taught by experienced police officers and firefighters. This Citizen's Academy will include an opportunity to ride along with experienced police officers while on patrol. After the class has been completed, a graduation ceremony is held to recognize each participant. This year's graduation will take place at the White Plains National Night Out Event on Tuesday, August 6, 2013.

Why the Citizen's Academy?

The concept of the Citizen's Academy involves opening up the White Plains Public Safety Department to the public and showing citizens exactly what we do and how we do it.

As a result, graduates are better equipped to assess safety issues, and share with others their knowledge of law enforcement practices and policies.

Given our commitment to the community and proactive problem-solving, we see the Citizen's Academy as an effective way of bringing police officers, fire fighters, and the public together in an informal, educational forum.

The benefits of such a partnership can only help strengthen the entire community in terms of public safety and quality of life. Classes will be held every Tuesday evening from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Topics covered in Two Hour classes will include:

- History of Law Enforcement – Penal Law – Criminal Procedure Law – V&T
- CID – Criminal Investigation Division
- The Traffic Division
- The Patrol Division
- The Community Advocacy Strategic Initiatives Division
- Ambulance – Life Support Services
- The Driving While Under the Influence Arrest
- Criminal Law – Penal Law and Criminal Procedure Law
- The Fire Department
- COMPSTAT
- Tour of Firing Range
- Ride-a-long with patrol officer

Interested students are encouraged to email Lieutenant Kevin Christopher at kchristopher@whiteplainsny.gov for further information.

Applications can be sent to Lt. Kevin Christopher, White Plains Police Department, 77 South Lexington Ave., White Plains, New York, 10601.



WHITE PLAINS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZENS ACADEMY APPLICATION

Applicant Name:

Last

First

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Address:

City

State

Zip

Neighborhood:

Phone:

Home

Work

Date of Birth:

Month

Day

Year

Sex:

Drivers License#:

Emergency Contact:

Name

Phone#

How did you hear about our Citizens Academy?

PERMISSION TO CONDUCT A RECORDS CHECK

As an applicant for the White Plains Department of Public Safety Citizens' Academy, I hereby authorize the White Plains Police Department to conduct a criminal history records check, including convictions, pending charges and outstanding warrants. I understand that this criminal history check is being conducted due to the nature of the classes given at the Citizens Academy.

I understand that all available criminal records will be checked and that the information will be used in determining eligibility of applicants for the Citizens Academy. All information is to remain confidential as required by New York and federal statutes.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Mail to:

Lieutenant Kevin Christopher

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AGREEMENT OF CONDITIONS
AGREEMENT ASSUMING RISK OF INJURY OR DAMAGE
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, I _____ being over the age of eighteen (18) and not being an employee of the City of White Plains, New York (hereinafter "City") or a member of the City of White Plains Department of Public Safety's Police Bureau (hereinafter "Police Bureau"), have made a voluntary request to ride as a guest in a vehicle of the Police Bureau, and to accompany a member or members of the Police Bureau during the performance of their official duties; and

WHEREAS, the Police Bureau is willing to allow me to ride as a guest in a patrol vehicle, and to accompany a member or members of the Police Bureau during the performance of their official duties, I do hereby agree:

1. That I am aware that the work of the Police Bureau is inherently dangerous, and that I may be subjected to the risk of death, personal injury, exposure to biological hazards, or damage to my property during the performance of their official duties; and that I freely, voluntarily, and with such knowledge assume the risk of death, personal injury, exposure to biological hazards, or property damage arising from on in anyway connected with, but not limited to the use of weapons, unlawful acts or forcible resistance by law violators, assault, riot, breach of the peace, fire, explosion, gas, electrocution, or the escape of radioactive substances while riding in any vehicle of the Police Bureau and/or accompanying a member or members of the Police Bureau during the performance of their official duties.
2. That the City, and its, officers, officials, employees, representatives and agents, including but not limited to the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, and all members of the Department of Public Safety, their sureties and each of them shall not be responsible or liable for any injury, including death, exposure to biological hazards, damage, loss or exposure, either to me or my property, incurred while riding in any vehicle of the Police Bureau and/or while accompanying any member or members of the Police Bureau during the performance of their official duties.

3. That in consideration for this opportunity I agree for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assignees to hold harmless and indemnify the City and its officers, officials, employees, representatives, agents, including but not limited to the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, and all members of the Office of Public Safety, their sureties and each of them, against any and all manner of actions, causes of actions, suits, debts, claims, demands, damages, liability or expense of every kind, and nature whatsoever (including, but not limited to, attorney fees, courts costs, and other costs relative to the defense of any action by the City and/or the Department of Public Safety) incurred or arising out of injury (whether mental or corporeal) to persons, including death, or damage to property, arising out of and/or incidental to riding as an observer and /or accompanying any member or members of the Police Bureau during the performance of their official duties, whether or not due to or caused by negligence and/or any wrongful act(s) of the City, its officers, officials, employees, representative and agents, including but not limited to the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police, and all members of the Office of Public Safety.
4. That I specifically agree that the City and the Department of Public Safety, in defense of any action pertaining to or incidental to riding as an observer and/or accompanying a member of the Police Bureau, may select their own attorney(s) for representation and I shall be responsible for paying of said attorney's fees.
5. I hereby agree to obey at all times, all instructions, orders and commands given to the Officer or Officers in command of any Police Bureau vehicle in which I may be riding and/or with whom I am accompanying. I further agree to keep confidential anything, which I may observe or hear when requested to do so by members of the Police Bureau.
6. I understand that my privilege to be a guest may be terminated at anytime by the Commissioner of Public Safety, the Chief of Police and/or on-duty Supervisor.

I have read, understand, and agree with all of the terms as set forth above:

Signature of Rider/Observer

Date

Print Name of Rider/Observer

Witnessed By: _____

Signature of Witness

Date

Print Name of Witness

White Plains Public Safety Citizen Academy – Summer 2013

Program Rules and Guidelines for Citizen Ride – Along

- 1. Persons who have never participated in the Ride-Along Program shall be given preference over those who have.**
- 2. Participants must have a valid photo id or drivers license with them when reporting for their scheduled ride-along.**
- 3. Wear neat, clean, appropriate clothing. Shorts, sweat suits or jogging suits, tank tops, halter tops, or clothing which is torn, soiled or displays offensive language or symbols shall not be allowed. Submitting a request does not guarantee ride-along approval.**
- 4. Participants shall be considered observers only, and shall be under the direct supervision of the assigned officer during the ride-along.**
- 5. Participants shall conduct themselves in a civil and courteous manner at all times.**
- 6. Participants must wear their seat belts at all times while in the patrol car.**
- 7. Participants must remain in the patrol car unless instructed to leave by an officer.**
- 8. In the case of a potentially dangerous or hazardous call, participants may be dropped off at a safe location. If this occurs, the officer will give the participant specific instructions and arrange for transportation from another officer. Please note that this is for the rider's safety.**
- 9. Participants must not become involved in any incident the officer is handling. This includes discussions of an incident with victims, witnesses, or suspects.**
- 10. No tape recordings, cameras, or similar devices are permitted.**
- 11. For security and safety reasons, participants are not allowed to handle or use any of the officer's equipment or the equipment in the patrol vehicle.**
- 12. All participants in the Ride-Along Program must read, agree, and abide by all rules and guidelines and sign this Guideline Agreement prior to the ride-along.**
- 13. Failure to comply with any of the above listed rules and guidelines will result in the immediate termination of the ride-along.**
- 14. Ballistic Vests will be a requirement.**

Signature_____

Date_____